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The Plauen Lace Industry has an agreement with Czechoslovakia, involving processing orders amounting to 6 million Deutsche marks and delivery of 600,000 meters of lace. Orders from Sweden amount of 640,000 Swedish crowns.

Sachsen's glove industry, which before the war enjoyed world-wide prestige, also received a number of large export orders recently. The Grobe A-G in Oberfrohna, for example, concluded export agreements with Switzerland amounting to 200,000 Swiss francs, and with the Netherlands for 42,000 Dutch guilders. Additional orders for 400,000 Deutsche marks have been received from the Soviet Union and East European countries. West German firms ordered gloves for 500,000 Deutsche marks.

Thuringen's textile industry is also increasing its export output. The Dyed Fabrics Mill (Buntweberei) for example, which in 1949 increased the number of its looms from 210 to 280, is working entirely on orders for Poland.

The East German rug industry also shows promising signs of developing an export trade. The carpet factory in Wurzen, which at present devotes one third of its capacity to West German orders, increased its business considerably with orders from the Netherlands and Sweden. The People-Owned Persian Rug Factory in Kottbus, which began the manufacture of oriental rugs only 6 months ago, has received its first export orders.

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